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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

1. THE PRESIDENT IS PLANNING A VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA AT THE END OF MARCH INTO EARLY APRIL DURING THE CONGRESSIONAL RECESS. WE ARE CONSIDERING A SHORT STOP IN LIBERIA AFTER A TWO-DAY STAY IN NIGERIA AND BEFORE THE PRESIDENT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

2. BEFORE ASKING YOU TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF A STOP IN LIBERIA WITH THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO LIMIT HIS STAY TO A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT AT ROBERTS FIELD. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE COMPLETING A TIRING TRIP WHEN HE REACHES LIBERIA AND FACES A LONG JOURNEY HOME. HE WILL WANT TO HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT, AND A GOOD MEETING

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AT THE AIRPORT MIGHT PROVIDE THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE LOGISTICS OF GETTING TO AND FROM MONROVIA AS WELL AS THE TIME REQUIRED WILL COMPLICATE SCHEDULING ANY EVENTS IN TOWN.

3. SINCE WE ARE ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR THE TRIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING US YOUR

REACTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL QUICKLY. VANCE

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